

PUBLIC NOTICE

For

Air Quality Operating Permit

for White Sands Missile Range of US Army - White Sands Missile Range

US Army - White Sands Missile Range at 100 Headquarters Ave, Bldg 163 IMWE-WSM-PW-E-EC Commander US Army; White Sands Missile Range, NM 88002 has submitted an air quality operating permit application to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for an air quality operating permit for its White Sands Missile Range. The owner of this plant is US Army - White Sands Missile Range. The exact location of the facility is at latitude 32 deg, 23 min, 16.1406 sec and longitude -106 deg, 29 min, 21.605 sec. To aid in locating this facility, the approximate location is 9 miles east of Organ, NM in Dona Ana County. This application file has been assigned an Operating Permit Number P085-R2 and TEMPO Agency Interest ID No. 141.

Previously, the plant received an air quality construction permit, if one was required, and is in operation or able to operate. The main purpose of the plant is US Army White Sands Missile Range.

This operating permit application is for a permit renewal. Per 20.2.70.401.C.(4) NMAC, this permitting action involves written text corrections, removal of units, and addition of units to update WSMR's source inventory and to allow for future operational flexibility.

Overall emissions are decreasing in this permitting action.

The NMED has conducted a preliminary review of the information submitted with the permit application. This review included evaluation of the emission rates and applicable requirements to determine compliance status.

The NMED has made a preliminary determination that this plant will comply with the requirements of Title 20, New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC), Chapter 2, Parts 11, 61, 70, 71, 73, 74, 77, 78, 40CFR50, 40CFR61, 40CFR68, 40CFR80, 40CFR82, and the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act. Therefore, the preliminary intent of NMED is to issue the air quality operating permit on or before April 18, 2012.

Interested persons may obtain the draft operating permit, submit written comments, or request a public hearing on Operating Permit Number P085R2. Contact the New Mexico Environment Department, Air Quality Bureau, Operating Permit Unit, 1301 Siler Rd, Bldg B, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87507-3113.

Written requests for public hearing must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Comments must be based on the requirements of the applicable state and federal air quality regulations and the Clean Air Act. Comments or hearing requests must be received within 30 days after the public notice is published.

The permit application, draft permit and relevant supporting materials are currently available for review at the Air Quality Bureau, Operating Permits Unit, 1301 Siler, Bldg B, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87507-3113. The Department contact in Santa Fe is Joseph Kimbrell at 505-476-4347.